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SUBJ: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: KOREA --- FRG AMBASSADOR
STELTZER'S APPROACH ON BEHALF OF CORE GROUP

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1. I WAS ABLE TODAY TO EXCHANGE NOTES WITH FRG
AMBASSADOR STELTZER ON FAHMY'S REACTION TO CORE GROUP
AID MEMOIRE ON KOREA. ACCORDING TO STELTZER,
FAHMY PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CORE
GROUP AND, AS HE DID IN MY SUBSEQUENT TALK WITH
HIM, WANTED TO KNOW/STELTZER THOUGH HALF JOKINGLY-
WHAT WAS FRG'S CONCERN WITH KOREA. IT WOULD BE
BETTER IF FRG ORGANIZED A CORE GROUP ON MIDDLE EAST
AND PLAYED A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN SEARCH FOR
PEACE SETTLEMENT. STELTZER EXPLAINED FRG'S INTEREST
IN KOREA ARISES FROM (A) DESIRE TO EASE DANGEROUS
TENSIONS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, (B) FRG'S CLOSENESS
TO US AND (C) FRG HAS EXPERIENCED SOME REUNIFICATION
PROBLEMS AND KNOWS THE DIFFICULTIES THEY CAN CAUSE.
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2. STELTZER POINTED OUT THAT FRG BELIEVES THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL IS A REASONABLE ONE. A RESUMED DIALOGUE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IS CLEARLY DESIRABLE TO EASE TENSIONS. FAILING THIS, A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE, SUCH AS THE SECRETARY HAD SUGGESTED, WAS A SENSIBLE WAY TO PROCEED. AS FRG UNDERSTOOD IT, USG WOULD BE PREPARED TO ABOLISH UN COMMAND IF SOME OTHER MEANS COULD BE FOUND TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE.

3. FAMY THEN TOLD STELTZER THAT THE KOREAN ISSUE WILL SURELY COME UP AT THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE AND OPINED THAT THERE IS BOUND TO BE A PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION COMING OUT OF IT. GOE, HE POINTED OUT, HAS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE NORTH KOREANS. IT ALSO HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ROK, DESPITE THE FACT THAT NO FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS EXIST. GOE WOULD BE WILLING TO EITHER MEDIATE OR ACT AS A CHANNEL BETWEEN THE "INTERESTED PARTIES" IF THIS IS DESIRED. HE DID NOT SPELL OUT WHAT HE HAD IN MIND.

4. STELTZER'S OVER-ALL IMPRESSION WAS THAT FAHMY DOES NOT HAVE A CLOSED MIND ON THE ISSUE, RECOGNIZES THAT IS IS POTENTIALLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM, BUT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN WHAT GOE CAN DO ABOUT IT. HE, TOO, BELIEVES THAT GOE DOES NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT OFFENDS NORTH KOREANS AND WILL, THEREFORE, TRY TO SEE THERE IS ANY ROOM FOR MANEUVER ON THIS ISSUE. EILTS

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